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wherein Government say that a communication which they have sent both to the Union Government as well as to the Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, a private body is one of confidential nature and as such would not be disclosed to the House for the sake of public interest. What I say is when the communication has been sent to a private body, why can't this House be apprised of it and how can that be a confidential document? We can understand confidential communications between the State Government and the Central Government. But Government cannot claim confidence when they had sent a communication to a private body, viz., the Secretary, All-India Congress Committee, and at the same time claim that the same is a confidential document which cannot be disclosed to the House. That is why I say a breach of privilege of this House has been committed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We will take up the question to-morrow when I will explain to hon. Members when and how a breach of privilege of the House is said to have been committed."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" I have also given notice of a privilege motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take it up to-morrow."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Because the present question of privilege would be taken up to-morrow, on that account I do not want that my privilege motion should be postponed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take up the privilege motion of the hon. Member as soon as the present privilege motion given notice of by Sri M. Narayana Kurup is over.

" We shall take up the next item in the Agenda. The Hon. Minister for Finance will now reply. Before that let the Hon. Leader of the House move the motion under Rule 24 of the Assembly Rules."

III.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 24 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I move—

> ' *That rule 24 of the Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government Business on Thursday, the 9th December 1954* '.

It is because we would be taking up the consideration of the Assembly Rules to-day and it has been agreed amongst us, I mean the party leaders, that it should be continued to-morrow also. We shall have non-official business on Friday. Therefore we shall transact Government business to-morrow."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That Rule 24 of the Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government Business on Thursday, the 9th December 1954.'

I think the party leaders have come to the agreed conclusion that we shall transact Government business to-morrow."

The motion was put and carried.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES BILL, 1954—*cont.*

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, I moved the motion for the reference of this Bill to the Select Committee yesterday because the leaders of various parties wanted that the Bill required scrutiny and as such, should be referred to a Select Committee. In accordance with their suggestion, I moved the motion for the reference of the Bill to a Select Committee. But now suddenly there has been a change in the attitude of the leaders. They as a matter of fact agreed to give the names of members for inclusion in the Select Committee by to-day. But I do not know what has happened since then? The Communist Party and the Dravidian Party are not willing to join the Select Committee. (An hon. Member : ' Even the Praja Socialist Party.') That only shows the attitude which the Opposition members are taking in respect of this Bill. The hon. Leader of the Opposition was stating that he was very much interested in the art of drama. I do not know when he developed this attitude to dramatic art and culture."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" On a point of order, Sir. Is the Hon. Minister entitled to say that he did know when the hon. Leader of the Opposition had developed a liking for dramatic art and thereby cast an insinuation on the hon. Leader of the Opposition and thereby imply that the hon. Leader of the Opposition had developed a liking for art and culture only recently? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not an insinuation against the hon. Leader of the Opposition. The Hon. the Leader of the House has expressed only his personal opinion."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Apart from what you have said, Mr. Speaker, I know the hon. Leader of the Opposition much better than his own party men. Therefore, let not the hon. Member, Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar, take any objection to what I had said. I referred to it because of the attitude taken by the Leader of the Opposition towards the performances of dramas, pantomimes and dramatists and persons engaged in that profession. He wants to make political capital out of a certain situation. After agreeing to give the names of his party men to serve in the Select Committee, he has now withdrawn his stand. He now says that his party has decided not to serve on the Select Committee.